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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, April 21, 2010 - The State Board of Elections debuted a new public website today.

Executive Director Dan White said, "Our challenge was to organize and present a mountain of elections-related data quickly and sensibly. We think we've met this challenge with our new website."

The new site is organized to make information easier to find. Multiple pathways exist to help visitors find the information they are seeking. In addition to the conventional menu navigation offered in the previous Board website, the new site is also organized to cater to important Board constituencies. For example, a special home page for voters presents links most popular with voters that visit the site. Candidates, political committees, reporters, teachers and students, businesses and local election officials will also find items of greatest interest to them collected on a single web page.

A new Google-like search feature offered throughout the site prompts visitors with suggested search topics.

"There's a lot of information in our site, but it's useless if people can't find it. We wanted to upgrade the site to leverage the way people find information on the internet now. Our new search feature should be very familiar to Internet users." said White.

"We appreciate all suggestions for improvement. We will continue to make changes and add features to better serve the public. Please visit the website at www.elections.il.gov and your comments and suggestions are always welcome." White added.

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